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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the Continuation application, please amend the

application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-11, 13, 16, and 18-51.

Please amend the claims follows:

12. (Amended)

A method for identifying a composition which affects a [c-Jun N-terminal]

kinase characterized as having a molecular weight of 55 kD as determined by reducing SDS-

PAGE; having serine and threonine kinase activity; and phosphorylating the c-Jun N-terminal

activation domain, comprising:

a) incubating components comprising the composition and the kinase or

polynucleotide encoding the kinase, wherein the incubating is carried out under conditions

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